

Remarks

Election of Species:

- 5 Responsive to the species election requirement, Applicant elects the species of Claim 21. More particularly, the Examiner is requested to focus the examination on compound **73** of Figure 2.

Summary:

- 10 Applicant requests that the Examiner examine Group VII, directed to an improved mechanism based inhibitor of HIV or FIV aspartyl protease having an α -keto amide core strcture and a C-terminus including a pyrrolidine heterocyclic ring. Claims 7 and 8 have been cancelled and replaced with claims 19-26.

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Respectfully submitted,

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